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PATENT APPLICATION

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Inventor(s): Schwols

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Group Art Unit: 2172

Title: Integration of a Database Into File Management Software for Protecting, Tracking, and Retrieving Data

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#### REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) 37 CFR 1.114

Subsoction (b) of 35 U.S.C. 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 CFR 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 CFR 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCF to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

#### Submission under 37 CFR 1.114

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